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Marylander Pleads Guilty to Forging Check

Washington, D.C. - Acting U. S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips and United States Postal Inspector in Charge Gregory Campbell announced today that Renee Anding, 22, of Hil Mar Drive, District Heights, MD, pleaded guilty to uttering a forged security of an organization. U.S. District Judge James Robertson scheduled sentencing in the case for August 31, 2009. Anding faces a guideline range of up to six months in prison for the crime.

As part of her guilty plea, Anding admitted that on or about November 1, 2007, she presented a check to a cashier at a Wachovia Bank branch in Washington, D.C. The check was drawn on the account of Venable, LLP, a law firm with its headquarters in Washington, D.C., and offices in other states. The check, dated October 30, 2007, was payable to Sprint in the amount of \$17,538.02. The check had been altered by the addition of the name Renee Anding as part of the payee information without the permission of Venable, LLP. Renee Anding had been asked to utter the check by others. Renee Anding endorsed the check, knowing there was something wrong with the request for her to utter the check.

In announcing today's plea, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips and U. S. Postal Inspector in Charge Campbell commended the work of U.S. Postal Inspector Dean Davis, who investigated the case. They also commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas E. Zeno, as well as Legal Assistant Lisa Robinson of the Fraud and Public Corruption Section.

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